

Table B-15. Number of 1995 and 1996 science and engineering bachelor's degree recipients who took courses between completing most recent degree and April 15, 1997, and type of degree sought, by major field of degree: April 1997

Major field of 1995-96 S&E bachelor's degree	Total recipients	Took courses between completing most recent degree and week of April 15, 1997 ¹					
		Total number	Type of degree sought				
			No specific degree	Ph.D. degree	Prof. degree	MA degree	Other or BA degree
All science and engineering fields.....	708,900	271,600	37,100	21,000	46,200	134,600	32,700
Major type							
Total science.....	593,800	236,700	32,300	18,800	44,300	110,300	31,000
Total engineering.....	115,100	34,800	4,800	2,200	1,900	24,300	1,700
Major field							
Computer and information sciences.....	41,000	9,100	S	S	S	6,200	S
Life and related sciences, total.....	139,000	65,800	8,200	7,200	19,800	22,000	8,500
Agricultural and food sciences.....	14,000	3,700	S	S	S	1,900	S
Biological sciences.....	115,300	59,600	7,200	6,900	19,300	18,600	7,500
Environmental life sciences including forestry sciences.....	9,700	2,500	S	S	S	S	S
Mathematical and related sciences.....	26,800	10,200	S	S	S	5,900	1,300
Physical and related sciences, total.....	36,600	19,500	1,900	5,200	2,800	7,700	1,900
Chemistry, except biochemistry.....	20,100	11,100	S	3,600	2,500	3,000	-
Earth sciences, geology, and oceanography.....	9,200	4,100	700	S	S	2,800	S
Physics and astronomy.....	6,900	4,100	S	1,300	-	1,900	500
Other physical sciences.....	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Psychology.....	138,000	61,000	8,600	S	3,900	37,900	8,300
Social and related sciences, total.....	212,400	71,200	11,000	S	17,100	30,600	10,300
Economics.....	33,300	7,400	1,900	S	S	3,300	S
Political science and related sciences.....	72,900	25,700	3,200	S	10,300	8,700	2,600
Sociology and anthropology.....	66,900	23,200	4,400	S	3,800	11,100	3,400
Other social sciences.....	39,300	14,900	S	S	S	7,500	3,600
Engineering, total.....	115,100	34,800	4,800	2,200	1,900	24,300	1,700
Aerospace and related engineering.....	3,000	1,100	S	S	S	900	S
Chemical engineering.....	11,600	3,800	S	S	S	2,400	S
Civil and architectural engineering.....	20,700	6,200	S	S	S	3,800	S
Electrical, electronic, computer and communications engineering.....	32,900	10,600	S	S	S	7,700	S
Industrial engineering.....	5,800	1,400	S	S	S	1,000	S
Mechanical engineering.....	27,900	7,200	S	S	S	5,600	S
Other engineering.....	13,200	4,500	S	S	S	2,900	S

¹Most recent degree as of the survey reference period, April 1997.

KEY: S = Data with weighted values less than 100 or unweighted sample sizes less than 20 are suppressed for reasons of data reliability.

NOTES: Details may not add to totals because of rounding.

These estimates on recent college graduates are obtained from a sample survey of individuals whose most recent bachelor's or master's degree is in a science or engineering field and may differ from degree counts presented in other SRS publications.

SOURCE: National Science Foundation/Division of Science Resources Studies, National Survey of Recent College Graduates, 1997